



### About the Hamilton Christmas Bird Count (CBC)

The Hamilton CBC is held annually on December 26 (Boxing Day) and is one of the oldest Christmas bird counts in Canada. It is a tradition going back to a pair of adventurous birders in 1921 and has grown into an annual outing with over a hundred participants scouring Hamilton for every bird that can be found and identified.

The Hamilton CBC covers a 7.5-mile radius circle, centred at Dundurn Castle. The 99th Hamilton Christmas Bird Count will be held on December 26, 2019. The 2019 compiler is Rob Porter, Field Events Director of the Hamilton Naturalists' Club.

In early 2016, the Peach Tree CBC began, covering an area east of Hamilton, which includes the Lake Ontario shoreline at Grimsby south through the Niagara Escarpment continuing on through rural farms and woodlots all the way to Caistorville. The next Peach Tree CBC will take place on Saturday, January 4, 2020.

### About the Hamilton Naturalists' Club

The Hamilton Naturalists' Club is a non-profit organization with over 600 members dedicated to the study, appreciation, and conservation of our wild plants and animals.

The Club traces its history to the founding of the Hamilton Bird Protection Society in 1919. Early achievements include the designation of Cootes Paradise as a nature reserve in 1927, and the organization of 34,000 children in Junior Audubon Clubs across Canada during the 1930s. The HNC celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019.

### Recent Press Coverage

Hamilton Naturalists' Club turns 100:

<https://www.thespec.com/news-story/9672649-hamilton-naturalists-club-turns-100/>

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